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INVITATION FOR BID ADDENDUM NO. 1

IFB NO. 110062

TO BE OPENED: 3/04/2011

TITLE: Shrub Re-establishment Study

To All Bidders:

The following question has been received in response to this IFB. This question, along with the State's response, becomes an official amendment to this IFB.

All other terms of the subject "Invitation for Bid" are to remain as previously stated.

Section 3-Scope of Project: Introductory paragraph and Task 1-Study Design Is there flexibility in the species used for seeding shrubs or can only the listed big, Wyoming, and silver sagebrush; rubber rabbitbrush; Wood rose; and skunkbush sumac be used? Would the MTARNF Natural Resource Manager be open to using seeds of other native-and-local shrub species?

The shrubs listed in the scope are currently found at Fort Harrison. The Natural Resource Manager would be open to using other shrubs if suitable for the Fort Harrison area.

Section 3-Scope of Project: Introductory paragraph and Task 1-Study Design

- a. Would it be possible for the offeror/contractor to collect seed locally, either on or off Fort Harrison property?
- b. If seed cannot be collected locally then would the offeror/contractor have input as to where the MTARNG obtains its seed and the variety of species obtained in seed.

It may be possible to collect seed locally. The offeror/contractor may have input on where shrub seed is obtained and the variety of species used.

Section 3-Scope of Project: Introductory paragraph and Task 1-Study Design These sections provide some details on methods to use, species to use, plot size, and more, yet it also states that the offeror will design a study. How open to ideas would the MTARNG Natural Resource Manager be in working with the offeror/contractor in developing the study design and in developing the monitoring plan? Is the basic framework of the study design rigid or is there flexibility to modify it if necessary?

The basic framework of the study is totally flexible including both the study design and the monitoring plan. It is understood that site conditions of study areas may require modifications in the study design and/or monitoring plan.

Section 3-Scope of Project: Task 1-Study Design It states that "locations for the proposed study are rocky, slightly sloped (<15%), and difficult to access". Can you provide more detail on why it is difficult to access?

A few of the study areas are accessed by very steep (2:1 slope) unimproved roads. In some cases, the study area may contain rocks large enough to touch 4x4 truck axels. Some proposed study areas are flat, with minor amounts of rock and accessible by good roads.

Section 3-Scope of Project: What percentage of the total acres or how many acres need Curly Leaf Mountain Mahogany seed? The process of cultivating the soil increases the amount of labor, and we need to account for that increase in cost in our figures. What percentage of the total acres or how many acres will be seeded with Wax Current, Skunk Sumac, and Woods Rose? Of that acreage, half will need soil cultivation which again increases the amount of labor and cost. Is there a rough breakdown of how many pounds of each type of seed/acreage of each type of seeding? Since some types of seed will simply be broadcast while others will need ground scarification and tamping, we need a rough approximation of each type since broadcasting will go much quicker (and thus cheaper) than areas needing some site prep.

Of the 40 acres anticipated to be seeded with shrub seed expect that 50% of the seed/area will be broadcasted and 50% will require soil scarification and tamping.

Acknowledgment of Addendum:

The bidder for this solicitation must acknowledge receipt of this addendum. This page must be submitted with your bid at the time set for the bid opening or the bid may be disqualified from further consideration.

I acknowledge receipt of Addendum No. 1

Signed: _____

Company Name: _____

Date: _____

Sincerely,
Sally Byrd
DMA, Procurement and Contracts Officer